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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner, which was indicated in the Office Action mailed February 25, 2004, rejecting Claims 1, 2, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 43-47, 50, 51, and 53-55.

The fee of \$300.00 for this Notice of Appeal is enclosed, along with a Petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action and the fee therefor.

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